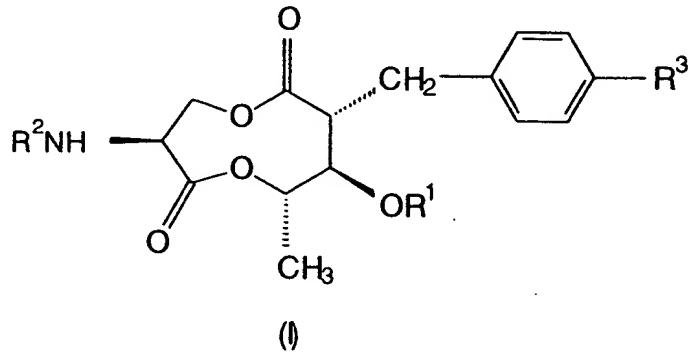


Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A compound represented by formula (I) or a salt thereof:



wherein

R<sup>1</sup> represents isobutyryl, tigloyl, isovaleryl, or 2-methylbutanoyl;

R<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, a ~~benzoic acid residue~~ benzoyl group having a substituent, a ~~nicotine acid residue~~ nicotinoyl group having a substituent, or a ~~quinoxalinecarboxylic acid residue~~ quinoxalinoyl group having a substituent, wherein the substituent is selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, halogen atoms, nitro, amino, diC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino, formylamino, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, benzyloxy, C<sub>1-10</sub>aliphatic acyloxy, benzyloxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxycarbonyloxy, (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyloxycarbonyl(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyloxy, p-nitrobenzyloxycarbonyl(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyloxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylsulfonyloxy, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylphosphoryloxy, and diphenylphosphoryloxy; and

R<sup>3</sup> represents a hydrogen atom.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) The compound or salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is selected from the group consisting of a ~~hydroxybenzoic acid residue~~, a ~~nicotinic acid residue~~ hydroxybenzoyl group, a nicotinoyl group having a hydroxy substituent, and a ~~quinoxalinecarboxylic acid residue~~ quinoxalinoyl group having a hydroxy substituent.

4-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously presented) The compound or salt thereof according to claim 20 or 21, wherein the acylamino represented by R<sup>3</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub> acylamino or the N,N-dialkylamino represented by R<sup>3</sup> is N,N-di(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylamino.

10. (Previously presented) The compound or salt thereof according to claim 20 or 21, wherein the acylamino represented by R<sup>3</sup> is formylamino or the N,N-dialkylamino represented by R<sup>3</sup> is N,N-dimethylamino.

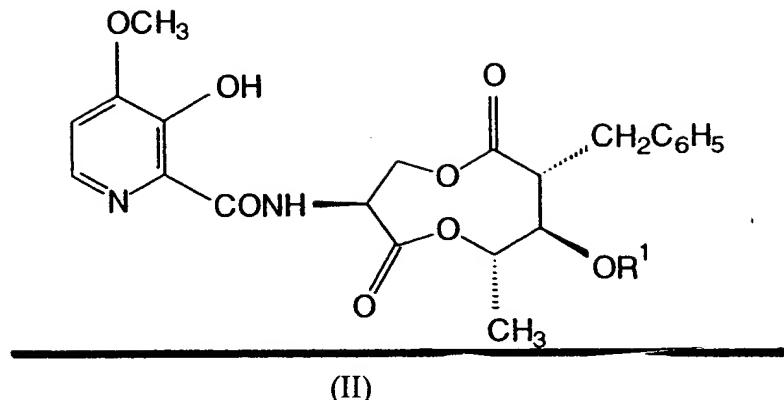
11-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously presented) A method for treating fungal infectious diseases, comprising applying an effective amount of the compound or salt thereof according to any one of claims 1, 20 or 21 to agricultural or garden plants.

15-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently amended) A process for producing a compound represented by formula (I) as defined in claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is as defined above in claim 1 and R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> each independently represent a hydrogen atom, said process comprising the steps of:

chlorinating a compound ~~UK-2~~ represented by formula (II):



wherein

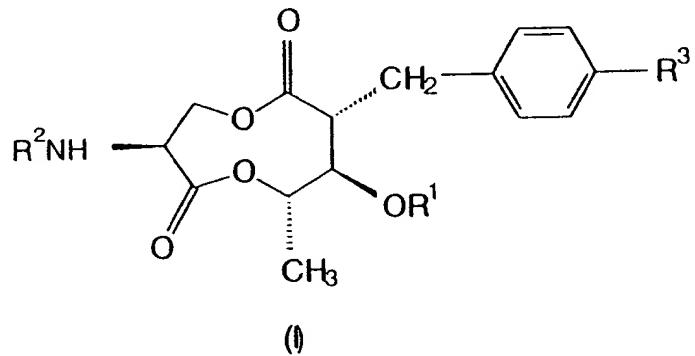
R¹ represents a straight-chain or branched saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon group or unsaturated aliphatic hydrocarbon group,

with a chlorinating agent;

~~etherifying the chlorination product resultant imino chloro compound with an alcohol;~~  
and

hydrolyzing the etherification product with water.

20. (Currently amended) A compound represented by formula (I) or a salt thereof:



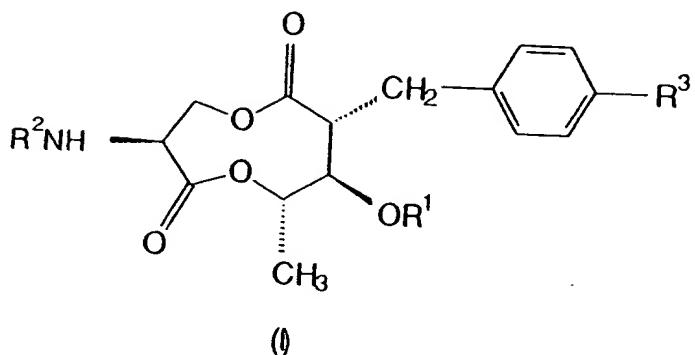
wherein

R¹ represents isobutyryl, tigloyl, isovaleryl, or 2-methylbutanoyl;

R² represents a 3-hydroxy-4-methoxypicolinic acid residue 3-hydroxy-4-methoxypicolinyl group; and

R³ represents nitro, amino, acylamino, or N,N-dialkylamino.

21. (Currently amended) A compound represented by formula (I) or a salt thereof:



wherein

R<sup>1</sup> represents isobutyryl, tigloyl, isovaleryl, or 2-methylbutanoyl;

R<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, a ~~benzoic acid residue~~ benzoyl group having a substituent, a ~~nicotine acid residue~~ nicotinoyl group having a substituent, or a ~~quinoxalinecarboxylic acid residue~~ quinoxalinoyl group having a substituent, wherein the substituent is selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, halogen atoms, nitro, amino, diC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino, formylamino, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, benzyloxy, C<sub>1-10</sub>aliphatic acyloxy, benzyloxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxycarbonyloxy, (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyloxycarbonyl(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyloxy, p-nitrobenzyloxycarbonyl(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyloxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylsulfonyloxy, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylphosphoryloxy, and diphenylphosphoryloxy; and

R<sup>3</sup> represents nitro, amino, acylamino, or N,N-dialkylamino.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently amended) The compound or salt thereof according to claim 21, wherein ~~the aromatic carboxylic acid residue represented by R<sup>2</sup>~~ is selected from the group consisting of a ~~hydroxybenzoic acid residue~~, a ~~picolinic acid residue~~, a ~~nicotinic acid residue~~ having a ~~hydroxy~~ substituent, a ~~quinoxalinecarboxylic acid residue~~, a ~~pyrimidinecarboxylic acid residue~~ having a ~~hydroxy~~ substituent, and a ~~quinoxalinecarboxylic acid residue~~ hydroxybenzoyl

group, a picolinoyl group, a nicotinoyl group having a hydroxy substituent, and a quinoxalinoyl group having a hydroxy substituent.

24. (Currently amended) The compound or salt thereof according to claim 21, wherein ~~the aromatic carboxylic acid residue represented by R<sup>2</sup>~~ is a ~~picolinic acid residue~~ picolinoyl group,

said ~~picolinic acid residue~~ picolinoyl group being substituted by at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, benzyloxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyloxy, benzyloxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxycarbonyloxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyloxycarbonyl C<sub>1-10</sub> alkylcarbonyloxy, benzyloxycarbonyl C<sub>1-10</sub> alkylcarbonyloxy, carboxy C<sub>1-10</sub> alkylcarbonyloxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylphosphoryloxy, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>) alkylphosphoryloxy, and diphenylphosphoryloxy.

25. (Currently amended) The compound or salt thereof according to claim 21, wherein ~~the aromatic carboxylic acid residue represented by R<sup>2</sup>~~ is a ~~picolinic acid residue~~ picolinoyl group,

said ~~picolinic acid residue~~ picolinoyl group being substituted by C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy and by at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyloxy, benzyloxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxycarbonyloxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyloxycarbonyl C<sub>1-10</sub> alkylcarbonyloxy, benzyloxycarbonyl C<sub>1-10</sub> alkylcarbonyloxy, carboxy C<sub>1-10</sub> alkylcarbonyloxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylphosphoryloxy, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>) alkylphosphoryloxy, and diphenylphosphoryloxy.

26. (Currently amended) The compound or salt thereof according to claim 21, wherein ~~the aromatic carboxylic acid residue represented by R<sup>2</sup>~~ is a ~~picolinic acid residue~~ picolinoyl group,

the 4-position of said ~~picolinic acid residue~~ picolinoyl group being substituted C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, the 3-position of said ~~picolinic acid residue~~ picolinoyl group being substituted by hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylcarbonyloxy, benzyloxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxycarbonyloxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyloxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-10</sub>

alkylcarbonyloxy, benzyloxycarbonyl C<sub>1-10</sub> alkylcarbonyloxy, carboxy C<sub>1-10</sub> alkylcarbonyloxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylphosphoryloxy, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>) alkylphosphoryloxy, or diphenylphosphoryloxy.

27. (Previously presented) The compound or salt thereof according to claim 21, wherein the C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy is methoxy.

28. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound or a salt thereof according to any one of claims 1, 20 or 21 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

29. (Currently amended) A method for preventing the appearance and proliferation of *Pyricularia oryzae*, *Colletotrichum lagenarium* or *Pseudoperonocpora cubensis*, comprising using applying an effective amount of the compound or salt thereof according to any one of claims 1, 20 or 21 for to agricultural or garden plants, an environment for growing the plants, or equipment for agricultural and gardening applications.

30. (Withdrawn) A method for exterminating *Pyricularia oryzae*, *Colletotrichum lagenarium* or *Pseudoperonocpora cubensis*, comprising using an effective amount of the compound or salt thereof according to any one of claims 1, 20 or 21 for agricultural or garden plants.

31. (Previously presented) A method for preventing the appearance and proliferation of *Pyricularia oryzae*, *Colletotrichum lagenarium* or *Pseudoperonocpora cubensis*, comprising applying an effective amount of the compound or salt thereof according to any one of claims 1, 20 or 21 to industrial products or in the course of production of industrial products.

32. (Withdrawn) A method for exterminating *Pyricularia oryzae*, *Colletotrichum lagenarium* or *Pseudoperonocpora cubensis*, comprising applying an effective amount of the

compound or salt thereof according to any one of claims 1, 20 or 21 to industrial products or in the course of production of industrial products.